



BE COURAGEOUS

The Bible Helps Us Live for God | May 15, 2022 | 1 year olds and 2 year olds

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 Timothy 3

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What is the Bible? The Bible is God's Word that tells us what is true about God and ourselves.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Paul wrote to teach Timothy how to live for God. The Bible tells us about God's plan for people to have forgiveness through His Son, Jesus. Jesus obeyed God's Word perfectly. We can follow Jesus' example to read, believe, and obey the Bible as we live for God's glory.

BOTTOM LINE: True courage comes as I know and live God's Word.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

BIBLE PASSAGE CONTEXT

In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Paul points out that Scripture is enough for us. It is our source for godliness and our final authority in matters pertaining to doctrine. Why does this matter for kids? We need to teach our kids that even though the Bible may not mention everything in life, it mentions everything we need to know about God, His plan to save us, and how we can live a holy life to please Him.

What is important for us to remember and for kids to know about the Bible?

1. The Bible is how God speaks to us. The words of the Bible are not like any other document on earth. They are the way God chose to tell us what He is like.
2. The Bible is about God and for us. One common misunderstanding about the Bible is that the Bible is about us. As we are reminded each week in our Christ connection, the Bible is about Jesus, but it is for us. It is how we can understand, apply, and teach others what God is like.
3. The Bible is how we can know how to love God and live for God. God speaks to us through His Word, shows us what He is like, and tells us how life works best and how we can live for Him in the world He has made for us.

Take a moment to thank God for the Bible as you prepare to show your kids the beauty of Christ in the pages of Scripture. Paul told Timothy that all of the Bible is important for us to grow and to know. This is just as true for kids. The question is not what parts of the Bible we should teach kids but how we should teach all of the Bible to kids.

TAKEAWAYS

- The Bible comes from God. Each book in the Bible is inspired by God, which means God the Holy Spirit helped the human writers use the right words to record exactly what God wanted them to write.
- By reading God's Word, we can discover what is true and know everything we need to know to have a right relationship with God.
- We can follow Jesus' example to read, believe, and obey the Bible as we live for God's glory.
- We study and apply God's Word to our lives so that we will be more like Jesus.
- **Bottom Line:** True courage comes as I know and live God's Word.

Terms to Know

Sufficiency of Scripture: The Bible is all we need to equip us for a life of faith and service.

Small Group Prayer: “God, thank You for giving us Your Word so we can know You. Help us live wisely, trust in Jesus, and tell others about Your great love. Amen.”

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Activity Dice

What You Need: Activity Dice Play set

What You Do:

Set up the game according to set instructions. Feel free to modify game rules to fit your group. Celebrate any victory.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let’s pray and listen to our story today.”

Introduce the Story:

Invite preschoolers to join you in the group time area. Ask them to name some of their friends. Guide them to talk about what they enjoy doing with their friends. Say this: “Thank you for telling me about your friends. A good place to make friends is in our group. The last two weeks we have been learning from stories in the Book of Joshua, in the Old Testament, that the Bible is God’s words to us and tell us how to live. Our Bible story today is in the Book of 2 Timothy, in the New Testament part of the Bible. We can read a letter Paul wrote to his friend Timothy. Let’s listen to learn what Paul told Timothy in the letter.”

Play a Worship Song or 2 from DVD or Roku
Play the Teaching Video on DVD or Roku

RECAP the STORY:

“A man named Paul traveled to tell people about Jesus. Paul wrote a letter to his friend Timothy telling how Jesus wants us to live. Paul said, “some people will love money more than God. They will not love others and will disobey their parents. The people will not love God or live how He says.” Paul also wrote, “The words in the Bible are from God. The Bible is true. It tells us what is right and wrong.” Everything we need to know to follow Jesus is in the Bible.”

Check diapers

APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Write Letters

What You Need: Bible Cards (2-3 per kid), envelopes, stickers, washable markers or crayons

What You Do:

- Distribute cards and invite toddlers to decorate their letters.
- Allow toddlers to take their letters home to remind them how to live like Jesus.
- Retell the Bible story.

What You Say “Paul wrote a letter to Timothy telling him how Jesus wants us to live. The letters we made today will also tell whoever opens them how Jesus wants us to live.”

TRANSITION ACTIVITY: Follow Directions

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

- Decide on some simple commands: talk quietly, sit on the floor, pretend to be an animal, and so forth.
- Use clear, simple commands the toddlers can follow.
- Explain that the Bible helps us love and follow Jesus.

What You Say “The Bible is a book that has directions for our lives. Everything we need to know to follow Jesus is in the Bible. The Bible is true and tells us how to live.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **Do we have to follow all the rules in the Old Testament?**
- **Why do you think God wants His followers to live a certain way?**
- **What are some ways we live foolishly when we don't listen to God?** Guide kids to think of characteristics from Paul's list in 2 Timothy 3:1-7. Remind kids that foolishness relies on self while wisdom relies on God. Encourage kids to think of practical ways they might disobey or act selfishly, like taking something from a sibling or talking back to an adult.
- **Why is it important to read the Bible and know what God says?** Remind kids that Scripture comes from God and tells us what is true. Invite kids to consider how the wisdom from the Bible goes against the selfish foolishness of those who don't know the truth about God. Encourage kids that the Bible helps us know how to act in a way that pleases God.
- **Who can you tell about the importance of God's Word?** Guide kids to think of friends or family members who might not know about Jesus. Encourage kids to tell those friends or family member about the Bible when they get a chance.

TRANSITION TO HOME: Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.